

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to ~~claim 1~~claim 6, wherein the apparatus further comprises a rice rinsing means and the controller operates control so that the rinsing means rinses rice supplied into the rice kettle by the rice supplier and then the rice boiling means boils the rice.
3. (Original) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the controller operates such a control where the rice rinsing by the rice rinsing means is not performed according to a setting.
- 4-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~An automatic rice cooking apparatus ~~according to claim 1, wherein provided with a water supplier for supplying water into a rice kettle placed at a predetermined position and a discharger for discharging water supplied into the rice kettle to the outside, where a rice supplier supplies a predetermined amount of rice into the rice kettle and then a rice boiling means boils the rice, the automatic rice cooking apparatus comprising:~~  
a rice kettle washing means for washing an inner wall of the rice kettle placed at the predetermined position after the rice boiling, the rice kettle washing means having an ultrasonic generator propagating ultrasonic waves to water supplied into the rice kettle; and  
a controller for controlling the water supplier, the discharger, the rice supplier, the rice boiling means, and the rice kettle washing means.

7. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultrasonic generator has a plurality of ultrasonic transducers equally arranged around ~~the~~a periphery of the rice kettle.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to ~~claim 8~~claim 20, wherein the controller controls the discharger so that the suction port is stopped above the lower limit position when the rice kettle washing is started and then lowered gradually to reach the lower limit position when the rice kettle washing is completed.

10. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to ~~claim 3~~claim 6, wherein the rice kettle washing means serves as the rice rinsing means, and the water supplier and the discharger are in common use for the rice rinsing and the rice kettle washing.

11. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to ~~claim 2~~claim 6, wherein the rice kettle washing means has a brush arranged in the rice kettle and moving along an inner wall of the rice kettle when washing.

12-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the discharger has a suction port vertically movable to ~~the~~a lower limit position above an inner bottom surface of the rice kettle by a predetermined distance.

21. (Currently Amended) The automatic rice cooking apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the discharger has a suction port vertically movable to ~~the~~a lower limit position above an inner bottom surface of the rice kettle by a predetermined distance.